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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 2621

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
EIJI SAWA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PATEL, S.  
SERIAL NO: 09/538,398 :  
FILED: MARCH 29, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2621  
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :  
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of January 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.